

## REMARKS

The application and the material cited to date have been carefully reviewed along with Examiner's remarks in the Office action. After this review, Applicant is convinced that his claimed composition and articles are novel and patentable. Applicant strongly believes that his application embodies a significant discovery, that the claims define the invention in a clear and definite manner, and that all of the amended claims are allowable.

Claims 1-9 are pending. Claims 1, 7-9 are amended.

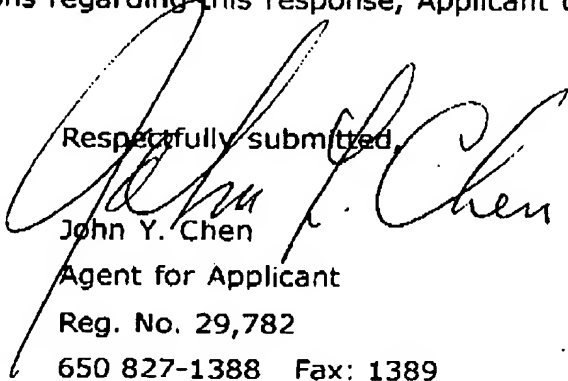
The claims as amended no longer recite the patented crystal gels claimed in Applicant's patent '275. In view of the amendments to the claims, Applicant urge that the double patenting rejection/objection be withdrawn.

All claims are deemed allowable.

Applicant is preparing an update to amend the Related Application paragraph of the specification for filing in the case.

Should Examiner have any questions regarding this response, Applicant can be reached at (650) 827-1388.

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